

like former Senator Robb proposed on the other side of the aisle.

Those are the exact same ideas that Senator Moynihan proposed and yet when Senator Moynihan's commission proposes them, they suddenly become an issue of partisan nature that should be driven as a political issue and we will once again see those envelopes come out that are made to look like Social Security checks which say urgent, open quickly, and when you open them, there will be a form from the Democratic National Committee telling us, you are about to lose you Social Security because the evil President and his commission headed up by Senator Pat Moynihan—they may not mention that—has suggested that a percentage of the money that is being paid today, not by you the recipient but by workers which is not only for you, the recipient to get your benefits but is also important for those workers to get theirs when they retire, and that a percentage might be used as a savings account owned by individuals in America, owned by the people who are paying excess taxes and Social Security today. We will get those letters. And you will get the phone calls at dinner time saying your Social Security is going to be lost if you're a senior citizen.

And once again, we will have an approach to Social Security which does absolutely nothing to address this critical public policy question but does a great deal to poison the well so that it can't be addressed constructively. This is such a crucial issue of public policy. It is absolutely inexcusable that it is being promoted and addressed in such a smear manner—cavalier manner. Listen to this language. The dangers of Social Security privatization has been tragically illustrated in recent months by the fate of the Enron employees who lost their savings when Enron collapsed. How outrageously demagogic can you be to make that type of a statement as an attack on the Moynihan proposal?

The Moynihan proposal didn't suggest investing in a single company. Just the opposite in fact. It suggested that a basket be used, a basket which would be under the supervision most likely of the Social Security Administration. But because Enron has become the classic poster boy and appropriately so for fraudulent activity in the marketplace, there is an attempt here to merge the issue of Social Security and making it solvent for the next generation with Enron. Pure despicable, political demagoguery which makes one wonder if there is anybody in the leadership of the Democratic Party, at the National Committee or in the Congress who actually wants to solve the problem. I suspect there are very few.

It appears most of the Senators on that side who did want to solve the problem have decided to leave the Senate, unfortunately, and nobody has stepped forward other than Senator BREAUX, to pick up the flag. But what

is very clear is that a number have stepped forward to pick up the flag of Tip O'Neill and the National Democratic Party, as they try to polarize the American public on this issue. At the expense of a resolution of the issue, and one wonders what we're going to say to senior citizens who retire in the years 2015 and 2017, when we will be in a crisis. One wonders what we are going to say to our children who are working today and are coming into the working place and will have to have their taxes increased radically in order to meet the obligations of Social Security. One wonders what you're going to say to the person, especially the African-American who's in their 20s today, who has a likelihood that they will get less back from Social Security than what they paid into it. What are you going to say to the person coming into the work place who will have essentially no assets when they retire?

Senator Moynihan and his commission has suggested you say to them, let them start to build a nest egg that is in addition to the Social Security benefit, a guaranteed Social Security benefit. But even as moderate a proposal as that, which was not even put out in the form of legislative language, is attacked in the most flagrantly partisan manner by the leadership of the House and the Senate. It is going to be hard to make substantive progress on the issue of Social Security if this is going to be the reaction of Senator DASCHLE and Congressman GEPHARDT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CONTINUUM OF CARE ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILIES

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3699, and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3699) to revise certain grants for continuum of care assistance for homeless individual and families.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed without any intervening action or debate, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3699) was read the third time and passed.

#### CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION ACT

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 980, Calendar No. 317.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 980) to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with an amendment in the nature of a substitute to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Anton's Law".*

#### SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF SAFETY OF CHILD RESTRAINTS IN PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding to establish performance requirements for child restraints, including booster seats, for the restraint of children weighing more than 50 pounds.

(b) *ELEMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION.*—In the rulemaking proceeding required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) consider whether to include injury performance criteria for child restraints, including booster seats and other products for use in passenger motor vehicles for the restraint of children weighing more than 40 pounds, under the requirements established in the rulemaking proceeding;

(2) consider whether to establish performance requirements for seat belt fit when used with booster seats and other belt guidance devices;

(3) consider whether to develop a solution for children weighing more than 40 pounds who only have access to seating positions with lap belts, such as allowing tethered child restraints for such children; and

(4) review the definition of the term "booster seat" in Federal motor vehicle safety standard No. 213 under section 571.213 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulation, to determine if it is sufficiently comprehensive.

(c) *COMPLETION.*—The Secretary shall complete the rulemaking proceeding required by subsection (a) not later than 30 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 3. REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF CRASH TEST DUMMY SIMULATING A 10-YEAR OLD CHILD.

*Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce a report on the current schedule and status of activities of the Department of Transportation to develop, evaluate, and certify a commercially available dummy that simulates a 10-year old child for use in testing the effectiveness of child restraints used in passenger motor vehicles.*

#### SEC. 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLATION OF LAP AND SHOULDER BELTS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 24 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall complete a